

IN THE CLAIMS

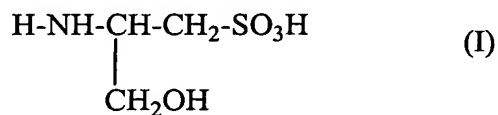
Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method of treating or ~~preventing~~ suppressing obesity in a subject, comprising administering to the subject an anti-obesity agent comprising:

D-cysteinolic acid represented by Formula I, as an active ingredient:

Formula I:



Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a cosmetic composition.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 17, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a food composition.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A method of treating or ~~preventing~~ suppressing obesity in a subject, comprising administering to the subject an anti-obesity agent comprising a material selected from the group consisting of sea lettuce and an extract from sea lettuce as an active ingredient.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 21, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 21, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a cosmetic composition.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 21, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a food composition.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A method of treating or ~~preventing~~ suppressing obesity in a subject, comprising administering to the subject an anti-obesity agent comprising an extract from sea lettuce obtained with ~~hot~~ water at a temperature of 50-70°C, as an active ingredient.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

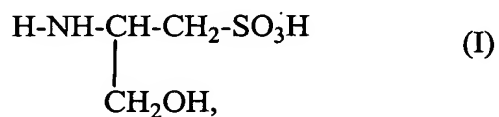
Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a cosmetic composition.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein the anti-obesity agent is administered in the form of a food composition.

Claim 29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A method of treating or ~~preventing~~ suppressing obesity in a subject, comprising administering to the subject an anti-obesity agent comprising at least one material selected from the group consisting of D-cysteinolic acid, represented by

Formula I:



sea lettuce, and an extract from sea lettuce, as an active ingredient.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 17, 21, 25 and 30 have each been amended by replacing "preventing" with --suppressing--, as supported in the specification at, *inter alia*, page 3, line 17. Claim 25 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 29 therein; Claim 29 has been canceled.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 17-28 and 30 are now pending in the application.